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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Monday, September 07, 2015

Issued: 0800 CT

Day 1 Hazards: No significant weather impacts expected

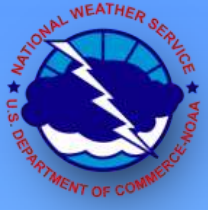
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Key Points



Today

- Isolated to scattered thunderstorms possible, mainly across New Mexico and NW Texas as well as the TX/LA Coasts.

Tuesday - Wednesday

- Cold front enters FEMA 6, bringing more of a widespread chance for showers and thunderstorms along with cooler temperatures.
- Marginal risk area for strong/severe thunderstorms and heavy rain/flooding across OK/NW AR Tuesday.

Thursday – Friday

- Isolated to scattered thunderstorms, possibly enhanced by another approaching cold front Friday.






Tropical Outlook

- Tropical Storm Grace is currently moving west at 15 mph in the central Atlantic. Grace has the potential for additional development in the next 5 days.
- Currently no expected impacts to FEMA 6, but will continue to monitor.

*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Sep 7, 2015 - Sep 11, 2015

DAY/ THREAT	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Severe Weather		OK/NW AR			
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding		E OK/NW AR			
Heat					
Tropical					
Fire					

	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

We continue to welcome feedback on our new color scale (details in the next slide). Please send comments to sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov.

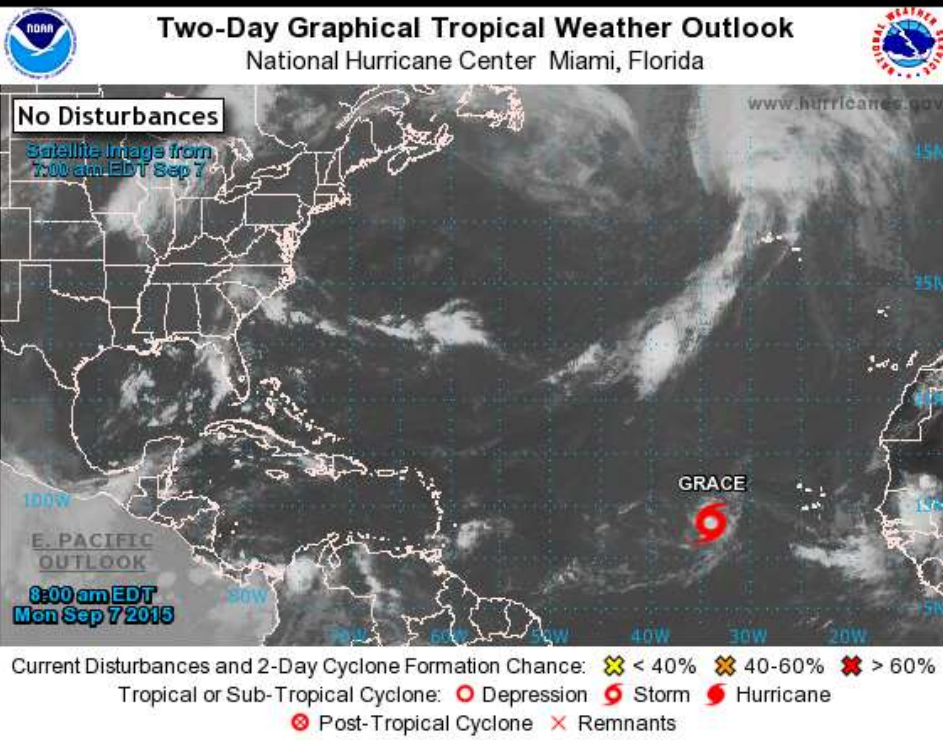


The criteria for the color codes in our briefings is below, please provide any feedback to sr-srh.roc@noaa.gov.



Weather "Threat" Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

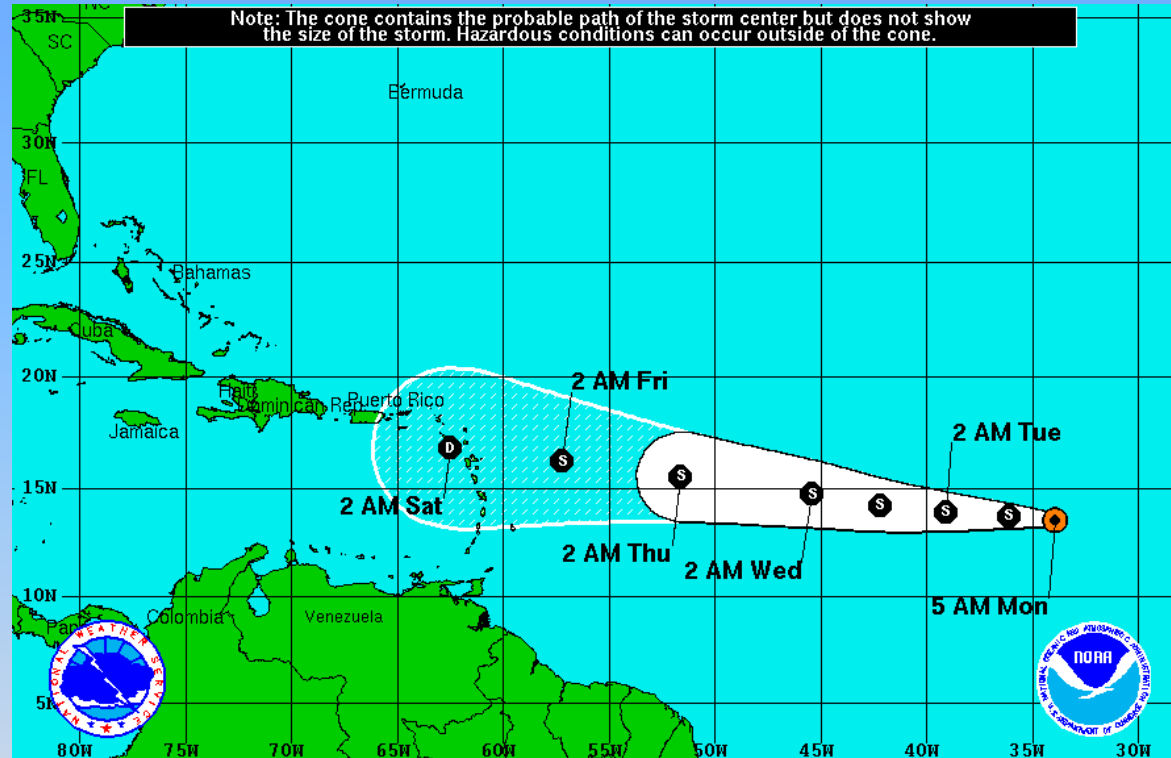
Atlantic/Gulf Tropical Weather Outlook



See next slide for information on Grace



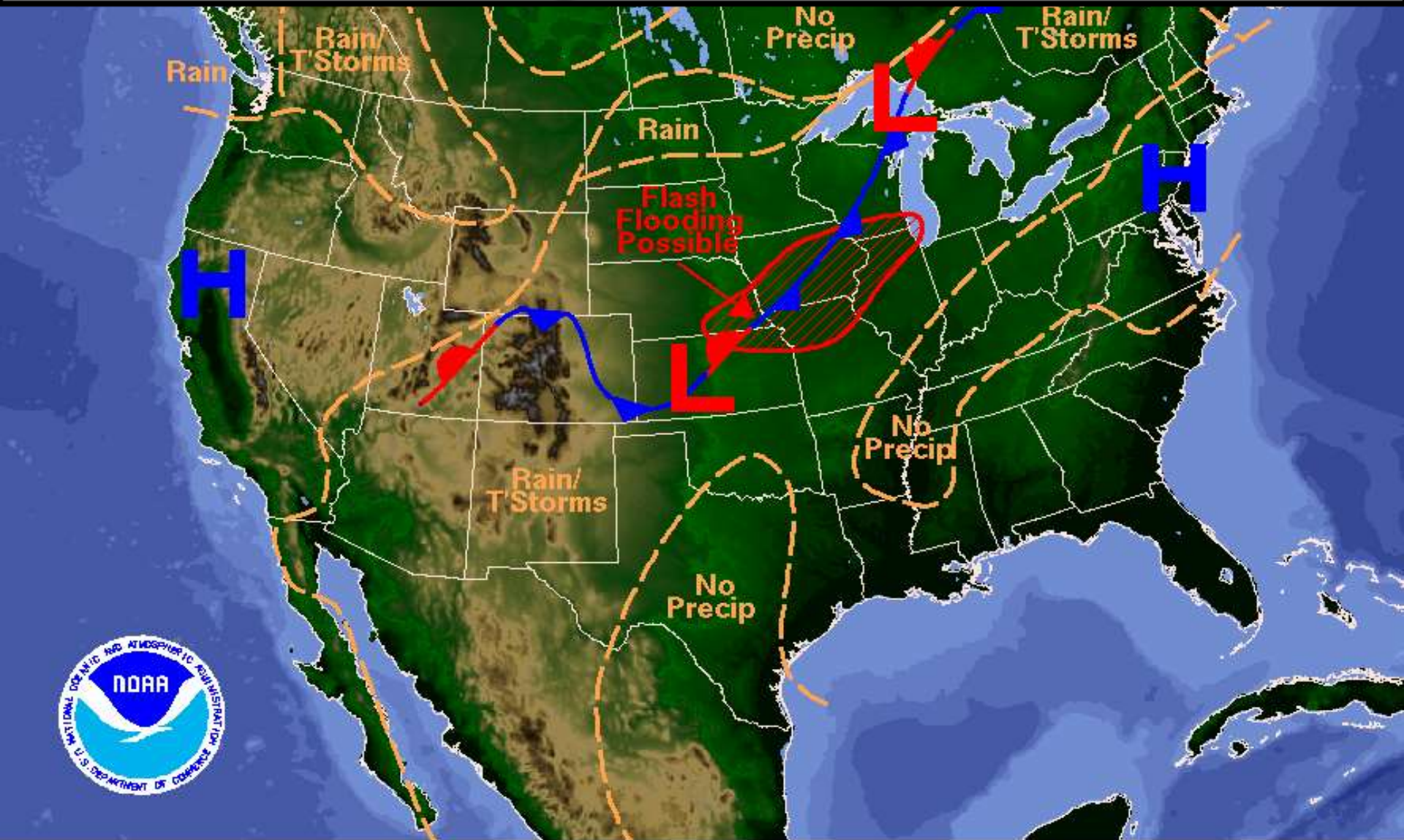
Tropical Storm Grace



- Grace is expected to continue moving west at 15 mph through Friday
- Current forecast is for slow weakening by late week into early weekend
- Currently not expected to impact FEMA 6, but will continue to monitor

Tropical Storm Grace Monday September 7, 2015 5 AM EDT Advisory 8 NWS National Hurricane Center	Current Information: ● Center Location 13.5 N 33.9 W Max Sustained Wind 50 mph Movement W at 16 mph	Forecast Positions: ● Tropical Cyclone ○ Post-Tropical Sustained Winds: D < 39 mph S 39-73 mph H 74-110 mph M > 110mph
Potential Track Area: Day 1-3 Day 4-5	Watches: Hurricane Trop.Storm	Warnings: Hurricane Trop.Storm

Today's Weather



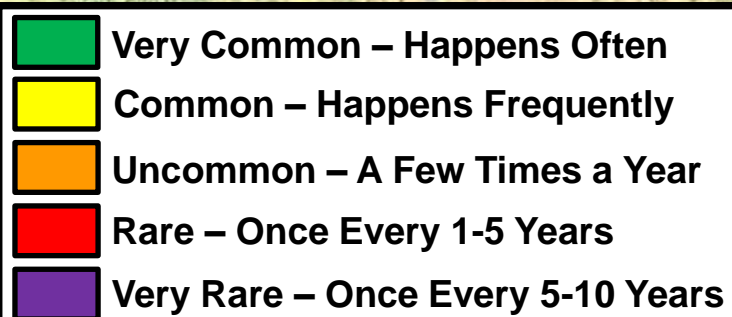
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Day 1 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Mon - 0800 Tue



**No Significant Weather
Impacts Expected**



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Monday, September 07, 2015

Severe Thunderstorm Potential



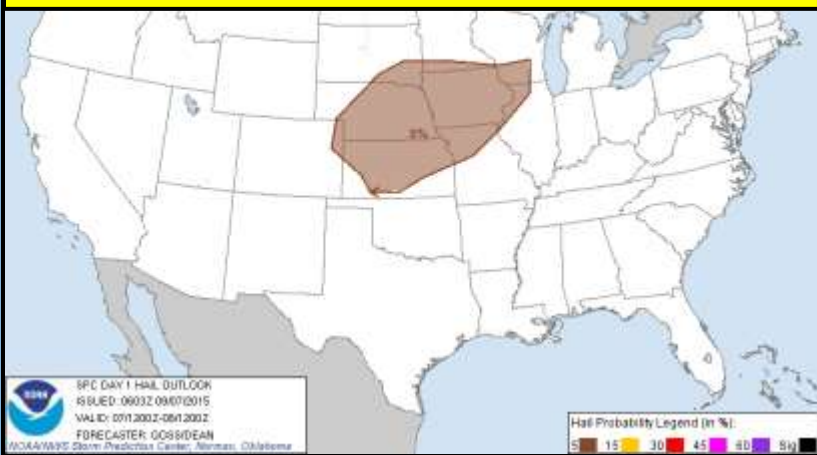
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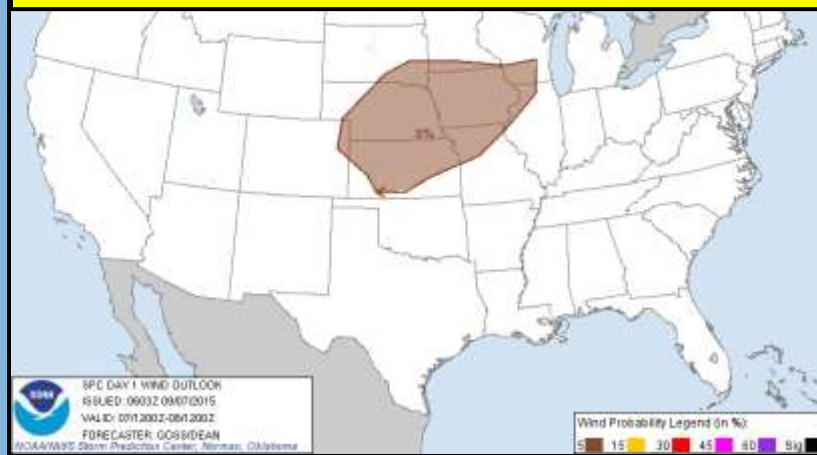
Probability of Tornado within 25 miles of a point



Probability of Damaging Hail within 25 miles of a point

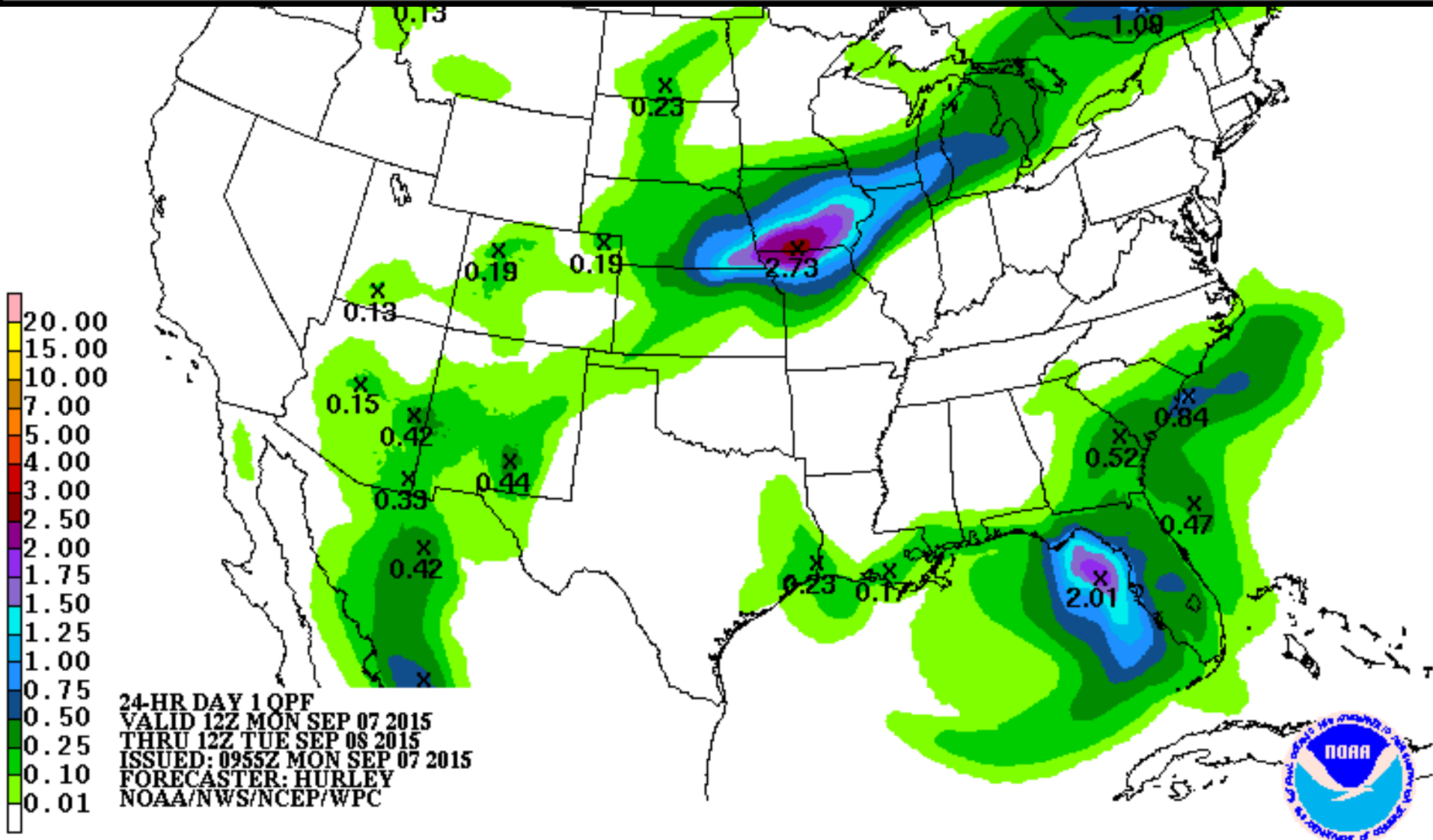


Probability of Damaging Winds within 25 miles of a point

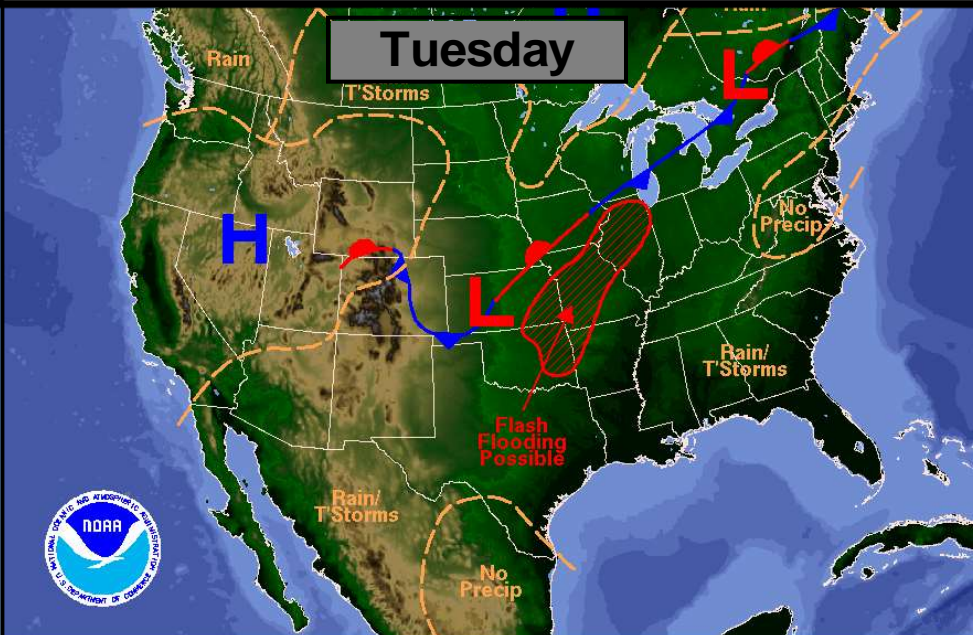


Today's Precipitation

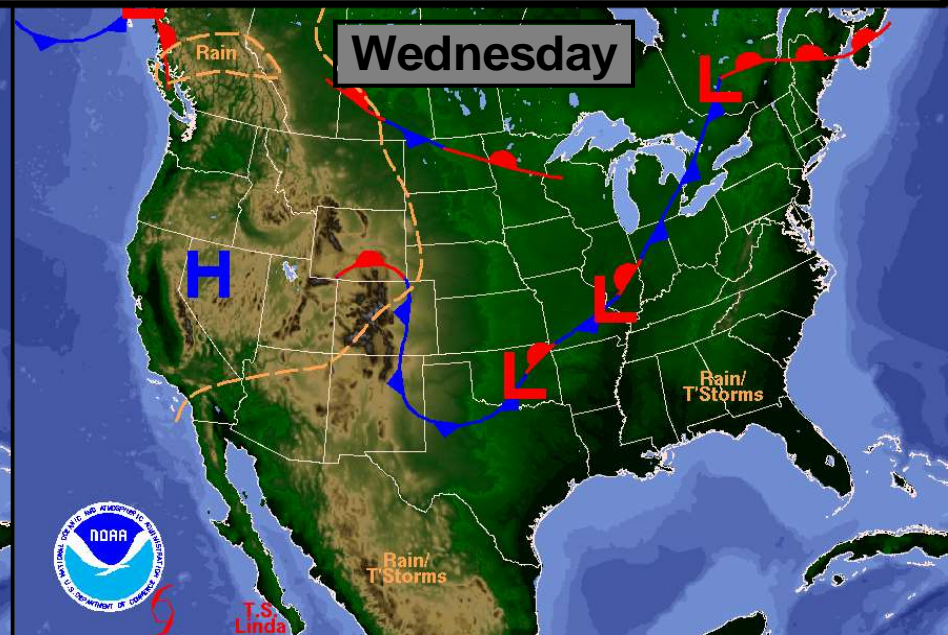
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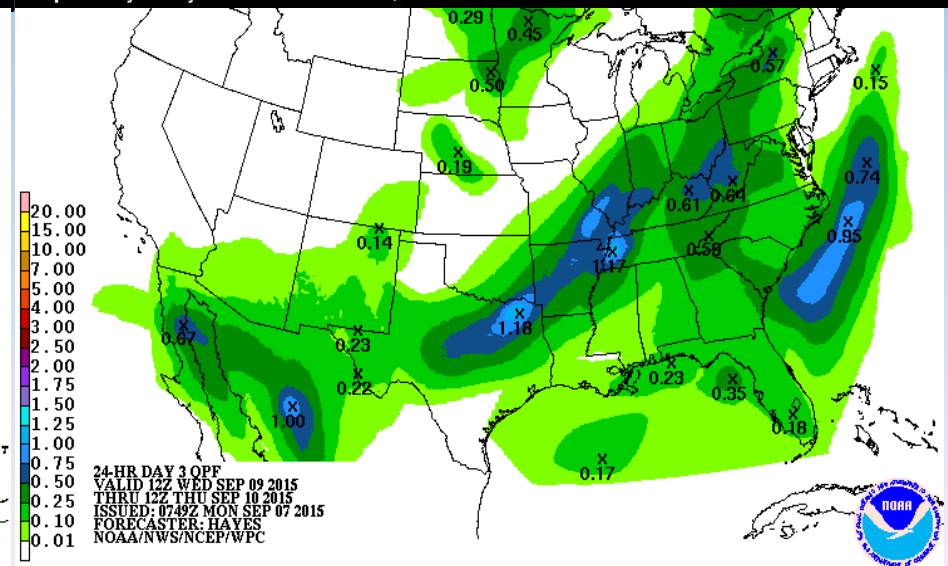
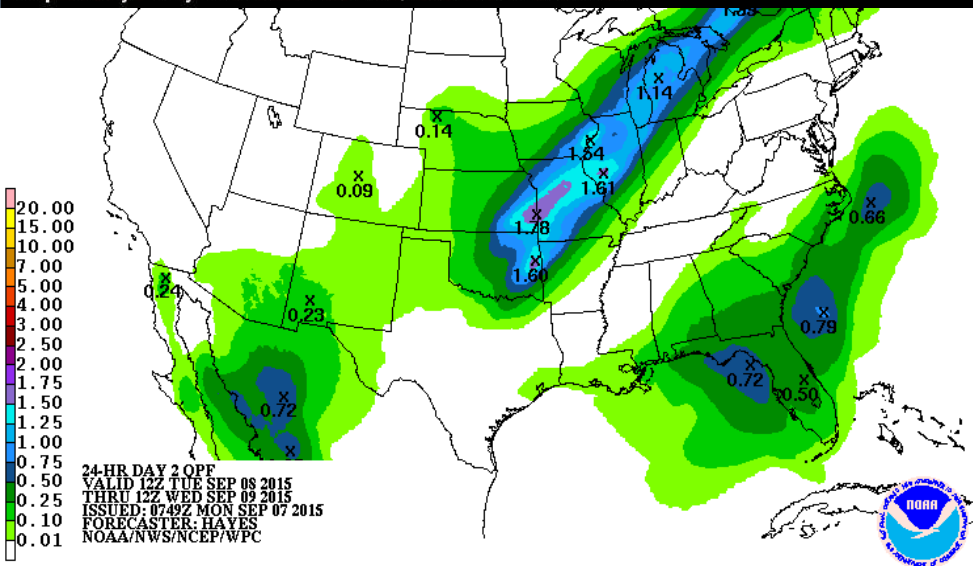
Day 2-3 Weather Maps/Precipitation



Weather Forecast for Tue, Sep 08, 2015, issued 4:48 AM EDT Mon, Sep 07, 2015
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Weather Forecast for Wed, Sep 09, 2015, issued 4:56 AM EDT Mon, Sep 07, 2015
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Day 2-3 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Tue - 0800 Thu



Marginal risk area
for severe tsrms
and heavy
rain/flooding
Tuesday



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Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Thu - 0800 Sat



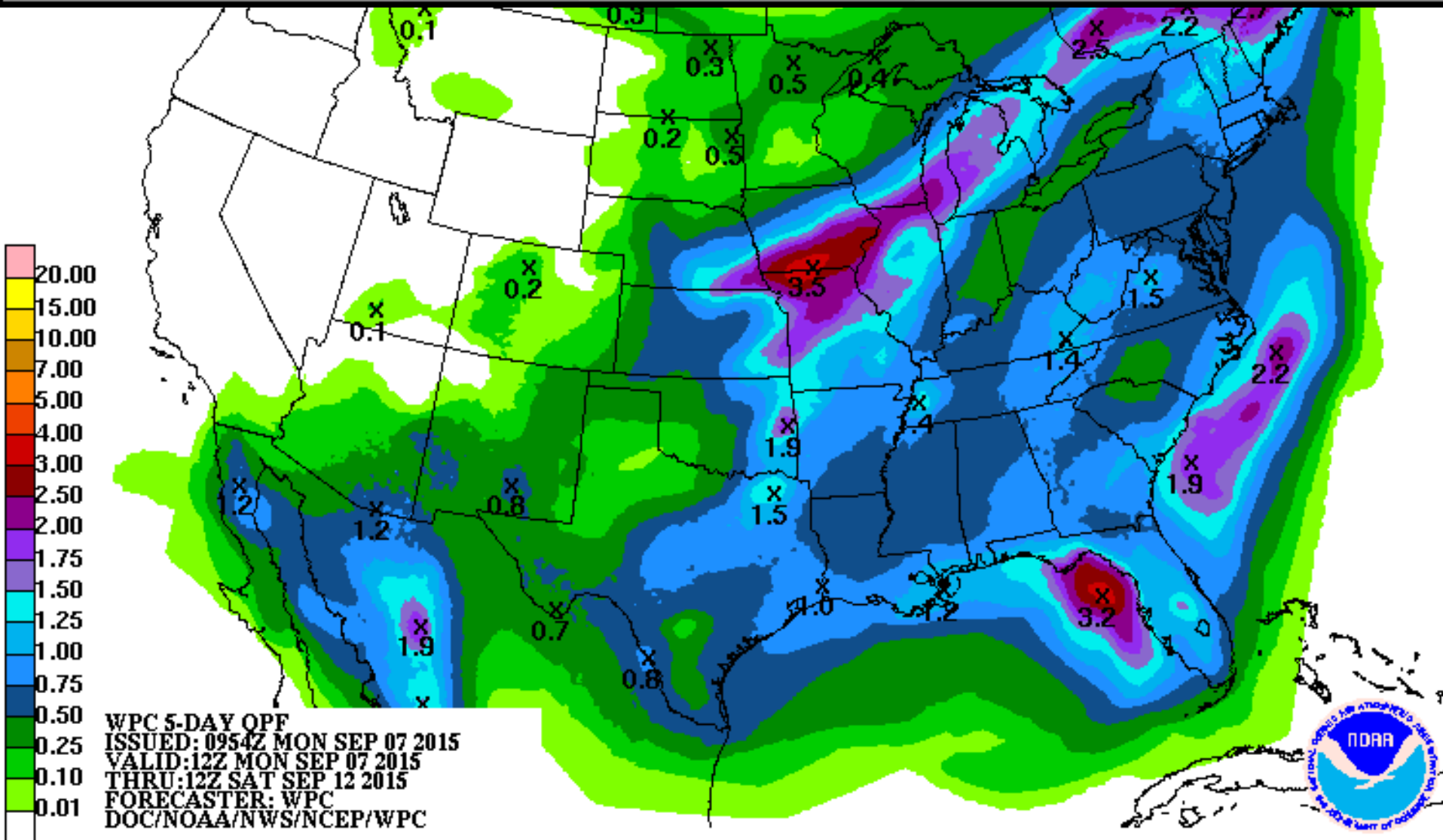
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5-Day Precipitation

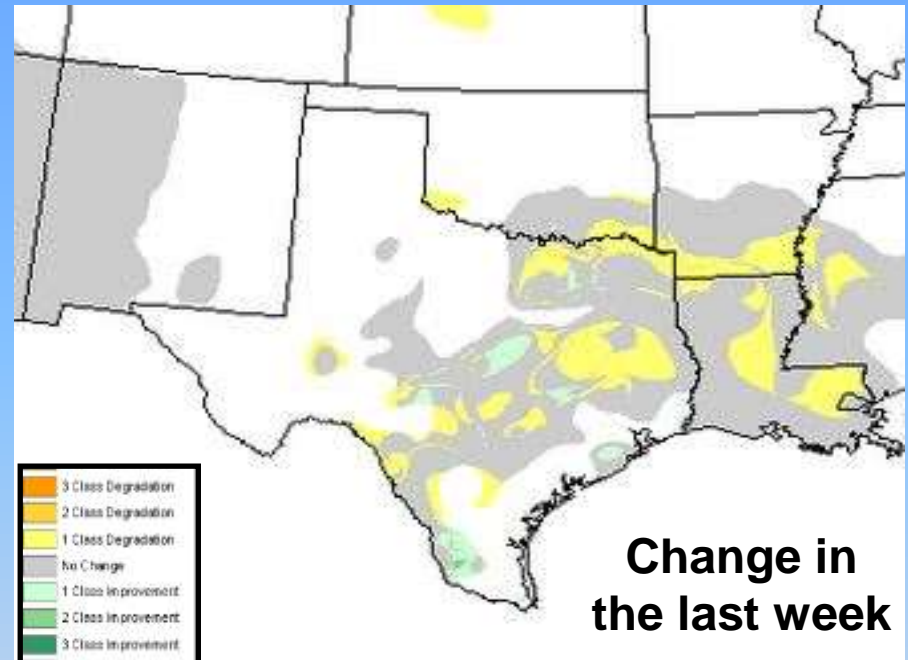
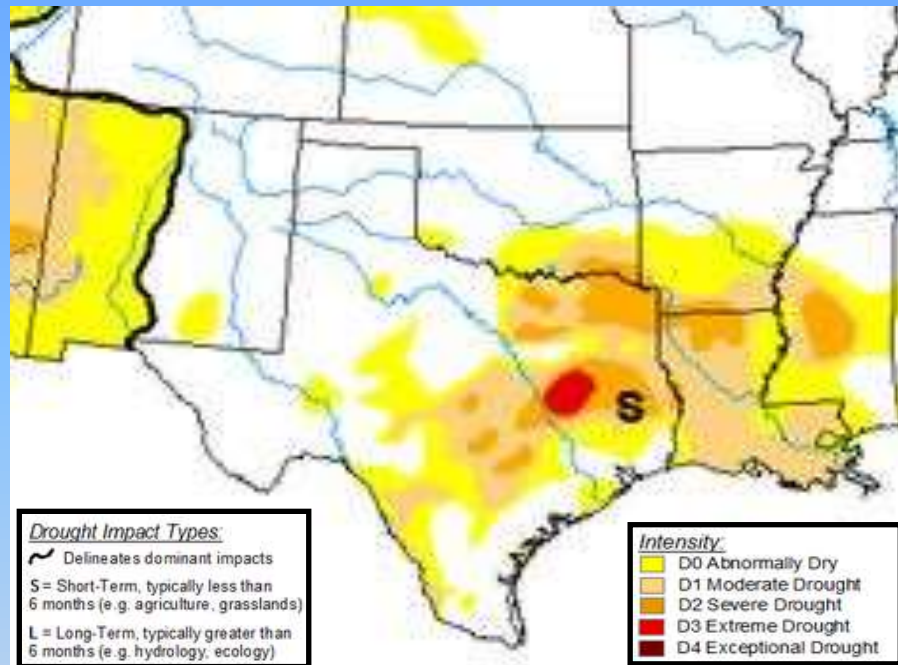
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Drought Monitor Released Sept 3rd, 2015

Data valid as of 7am CDT, Tuesday Sept 1st, 2015



Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.51%
Texas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	16.18%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	7.39%
Arkansas	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

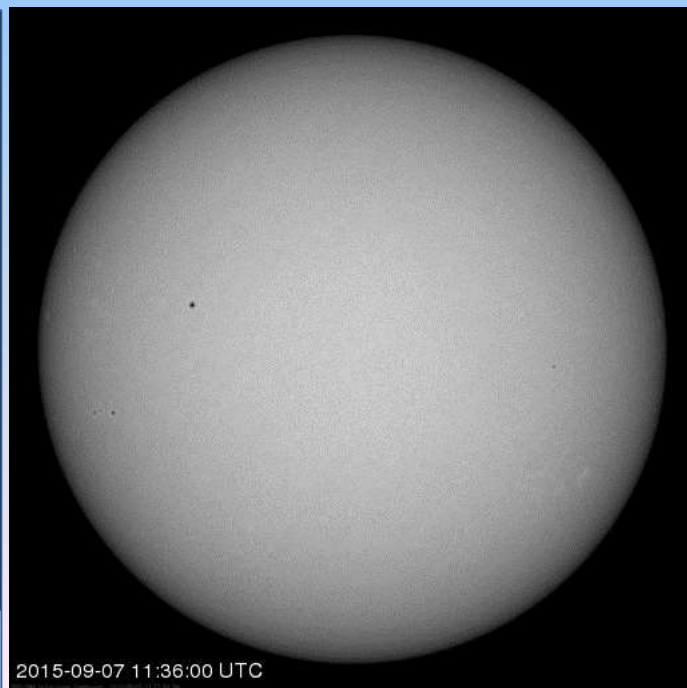
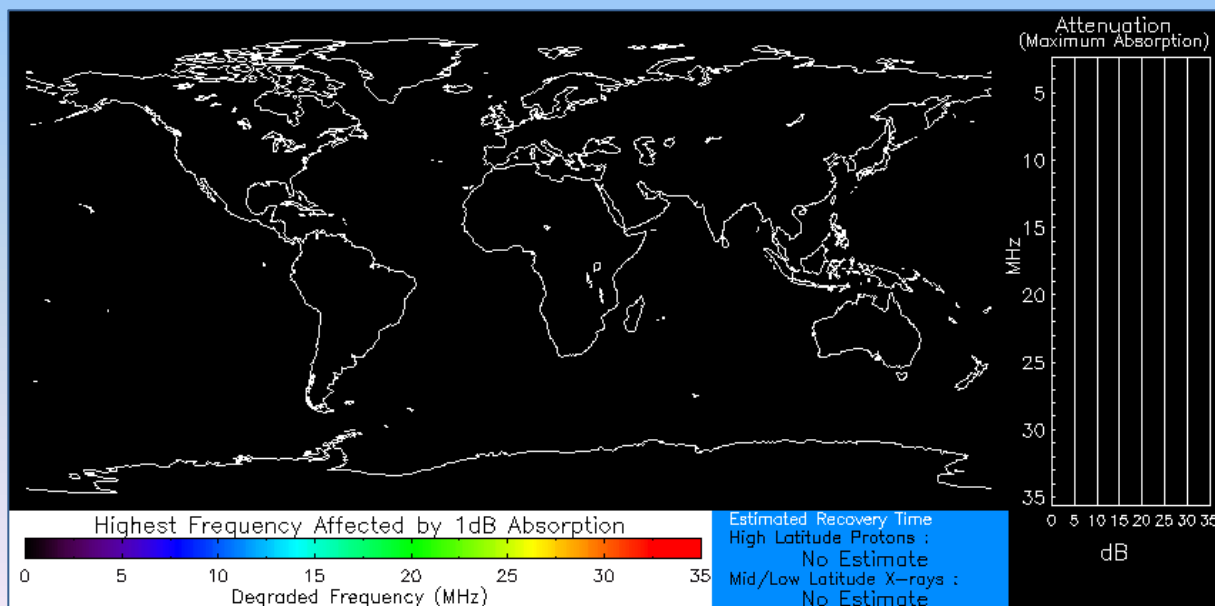
Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%

[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

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